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Overview

Table 8.1 **Financial resources**

(United States dollars)

Appropriation for 2016-2017	61 539 600
Technical adjustments (removal of non-recurrent requirements and biennial provision of posts)	(11 760 600)
New and expanded mandates	551 200
Changes within and/or across section(s)	–
Other changes	(548 400)
Total resource change	(11 757 800)
Proposal of the Secretary-General for 2018-2019[a]	49 781 800

[a] At 2016-2017 revised rates.

Table 8.2 **Post resources**

	Number	*Level*
Regular budget		
Approved for the biennium 2016-2017	147	1 USG, 1 ASG, 4 D-2, 7 D-1, 19 P-5, 23 P-4, 23 P-3, 14 P-2/1, 11 GS (PL), 44 GS (OL)
Reclassification	2	1 P-4 to P-3 under subprogramme 3 1 P-2 to P-3 under subprogramme 6
Conversion	2	1 P-3 and 1 GS (OL) from general temporary assistance positions to posts under subprogramme 3
Abolishment	3	1 GS (OL) under subprogramme 1 1 GS (OL) under subprogramme 2 1 GS (OL) under subprogramme 5
Proposed for the biennium 2018-2019	146	1 USG, 1 ASG, 4 D-2, 7 D-1, 19 P-5, 22 P-4, 26 P-3, 13 P-2/1, 11 GS (PL), 42 GS (OL)

Overall orientation

8.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to support the accomplishment of the objectives of the United Nations by providing advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations and by promoting among Member States a better understanding of and respect for the principles and norms of international law.

8.2 The mandate for the programme derives from the principal decision-making organs of the United Nations in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice.

8.3 The substantive responsibility for the programme is in the Office of Legal Affairs. It provides a unified central legal service for the Secretariat and the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations; supports the development of international justice; contributes to the progressive development and codification of international public and trade law and the promotion and strengthening of the international legal order for the seas and oceans; registers and publishes treaties; and performs the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

Note: The following abbreviations are used in tables and charts: ASG, Assistant Secretary-General; GS, General Service; OA, other assessed; OL, Other level; PL, Principal level; RB, regular budget; USG, Under-Secretary-General; XB, extrabudgetary.

8.4 The Office will provide legal advice and services, on request, to the decision-making organs of the United Nations and its Member States. It will aim to strengthen respect within the United Nations for the rule of law in international relations, in particular observance of the Charter and the resolutions, decisions, regulations, rules and treaties emanating from the Organization. As appropriate, attention will be given to incorporating a gender perspective into the work of the programme, including in the advice provided by the Office.

8.5 The Office will carry out its activities in cooperation with other departments and offices of the Secretariat, entities of the United Nations system and entities external to the United Nations, including treaty organizations; intergovernmental, interregional, regional and national organizations; non-governmental organizations; and academic communities. Such collaboration and cooperation include the following:

(a) Coordination of interdepartmental activities, liaison with United Nations organs dealing with legal matters, offices away from Headquarters and legal advisers or liaison officers assigned to field missions or other Secretariat units;

(b) Representation at and convening of meetings with legal advisers of the United Nations system and coordination of institutional arrangements for the specialized agencies and related organizations on matters of common concern;

(c) Representation of the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel at meetings and conferences convened by the United Nations or sponsored by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and other international institutions.

Overview of resources

8.6 The overall resources proposed for the biennium 2018-2019 for this section amount to $49,781,800 before recosting, reflecting a net decrease of $11,757,800 (or 19.1 per cent) compared with the appropriation for 2016-2017. The resource changes result from three factors: (a) technical adjustments relating to the removal of non-recurrent requirements and the biennial provision of new posts established in 2016-2017; (b) new and expanded mandates; and (c) other resource changes. The proposed level of resources provides for the full, efficient and effective implementation of mandates.

8.7 The distribution of resources is reflected in tables 8.3 and 8.4.

Table 8.3 **Financial resources by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

	2014-2015 expenditure	*2016-2017 appropriation*	*Resource changes*						*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2018-2019 estimate*
			Technical adjustment (non-recurrent, biennial provision of posts)	*New and expanded mandates*	*Within and/or across section(s)*	*Other*	*Total*	*Percentage*			
A. Policymaking organs											
1. International Law Commission	2 842.6	2 874.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 874.4	113.2	2 987.6
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	299.2	327.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	327.0	14.0	341.0
Subtotal, A	**3 141.8**	**3 201.4**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3 201.4**	**127.2**	**3 328.6**
B. Executive direction and management	2 010.3	2 093.1	–	–	5.0	–	5.0	0.2	2 098.1	49.3	2 147.4
C. Programme of work											
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	3 888.3	3 742.6	–	–	15.0	(164.6)	(149.6)	(4.0)	3 593.0	98.9	3 691.9
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	7 050.9	7 167.6	–	–	4.3	(179.5)	(175.2)	(2.4)	6 992.4	204.3	7 196.7
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	7 165.2	8 518.0	–	–	(39.4)	–	(39.4)	(0.5)	8 478.6	255.4	8 734.0
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	9 185.7	10 642.8	610.6	551.2	21.5	(60.0)	1 123.3	10.6	11 766.1	351.1	12 117.2
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	6 700.1	5 754.6	–	–	–	(60.1)	(60.1)	(1.0)	5 694.5	177.8	5 872.3
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	6 765.0	6 238.3	–	–	31.8	(19.2)	12.6	0.2	6 250.9	136.9	6 387.8
Subtotal, C	**40 755.2**	**42 063.9**	**610.6**	**551.2**	**33.2**	**(483.4)**	**711.6**	**1.7**	**42 775.5**	**1 224.4**	**43 999.9**
D. Programme support	1 900.8	1 810.0	–	–	(38.2)	(65.0)	(103.2)	(5.7)	1 706.8	44.0	1 750.8
E. Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone	–	12 371.2	(12 371.2)	–	–	–	(12 371.2)	(100)	–	–	–
Subtotal, 1	**47 808.1**	**61 539.6**	**(11 760.6)**	**551.2**	**–**	**(548.4)**	**(11 757.8)**	**(19.1)**	**49 781.8**	**1 444.9**	**51 226.7**

(2) *Other assessed*

Component	2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 estimate	2018-2019 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	–	–	–
C. Programme of work	7 206.3	7 585.9	7 671.4
D. Programme support	–	–	–
Subtotal, 2	**7 206.3**	**7 585.9**	**7 671.4**

(3) *Extrabudgetary*

Component	2014-2015 expenditure	2016-2017 estimate	2018-2019 estimate
A. Policymaking organs	–	–	–
B. Executive direction and management	–	–	–
C. Programme of work	8 950.4	10 423.3	10 821.8
D. Programme support	155.9	208.0	208.2
Subtotal, 3	**9 106.3**	**10 631.3**	**11 030.0**
Total	**64 120.7**	**79 756.8**	**69 928.1**

Table 8.4 **Post resources**

	Established regular budget		Temporary						Total	
			Regular budget		Other assessed[a]		Extrabudgetary[b]			
Category	2016-2017	2018-2019	2016-2017	2018-2019	2016-2017	2018-2019	2016-2017	2018-2019	2016-2017	2018-2019
Professional and higher										
USG	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
ASG	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-2	4	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4
D-1	7	7	–	–	–	–	2	2	9	9
P-5	19	19	–	–	5	5	1	1	25	25
P-4/3	45	47	1	1	11	11	5	5	62	64
P-2/1	14	13	–	–	1	1	1	1	16	15
Subtotal	**91**	**92**	**1**	**1**	**17**	**17**	**9**	**9**	**118**	**119**
General Service										
Principal level	11	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	11	11
Other level	43	41	1	1	2	2	5	5	51	49
Subtotal	**54**	**52**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**5**	**62**	**60**
Total	**145**	**144**	**2**	**2**	**19**	**19**	**14**	**14**	**180**	**179**

[a] Funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations.
[b] Funded from the various extrabudgetary trust funds managed by the Office of Legal Affairs.

Table 8.5 **Distribution of resources by component**
(Percentage)

Component	*Regular budget*	*Other assessed*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policymaking organs			
1. International Law Commission	5.8	–	
2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	0.7		
Subtotal, A	**6.5**		
B. Executive direction and management	4.2	–	–
C. Programme of work			
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	7.2	29.7	14.6
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	14.0	70.3	33.4
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	17.0	–	1.0
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	23.7	–	37.2
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	11.5	–	11.9
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	12.5	–	–
Subtotal, C	**85.9**	**100.0**	**98.1**
D. Programme support	3.4	–	1.9
E. Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone	–	–	–
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**

Technical adjustments

8.8 Resource changes (a decrease of $11,760,600) reflect the net effect of: (a) the removal of non-recurrent requirements totalling $12,371,200, relating to a reduction in the resources approved for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone for the biennium 2016-2017; and (b) the increase of $610,600 due to the biennial provision for four new posts, two established and two temporary, that were established in 2016-2017 in the Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea.

New and expanded mandates

8.9 Resource changes of $551,200 would provide support to the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, for the period 2017-2020, in line with General Assembly resolution 71/257 on oceans and the law of the sea.

Changes within and/or across section(s)

8.10 Resource changes reflect the downward reclassification of a post of Legal Officer (P-4) as a P-3 post in the Codification Division and the upward reclassification of a post of Editor (P-2) as a P-3 post in the Treaty Section. Resource changes include the redeployment and distribution of $77,600 in non-post resources from subprogramme 3 and programme support to subprogrammes 1, 2, 4 and 6 and to executive direction and management.

Other changes

8.11 Resource changes reflect the reduction of $548,400 made possible from efficiencies that the Office plans to bring about in the biennium 2018-2019. The proposed reductions are a result of the efforts of the Office to apply the anticipated Umoja efficiencies presented in the eighth progress report of the Secretary-General on the enterprise resource planning project (A/71/390) individual day-to-day

operations. The Umoja efficiencies set out in the eighth progress report were based on the Organization's experience with the system, anticipated future changes, including future roll-outs, a global review of end-to-end processes, the retirement of legacy systems and improvements to business process and planning capabilities. Efficiencies were expressed, inter alia, as the dollar value of a full-time equivalent, where applicable. Further information on the approach is provided in the foreword and introduction of the report on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

8.12 For the Office of Legal Affairs, this translates into post and non-post reductions ($548,400) that fall under subprogramme 1, Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole ($164,600), subprogramme 2, General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes ($179,500), subprogramme 4, Law of the sea and ocean affairs ($60,000), subprogramme 5, Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade ($60,100), subprogramme 6, Custody, registration and publication of treaties ($19,200), and programme support ($65,000).

Other assessed and extrabudgetary resources

8.13 The projected level of other assessed resources would amount to $7,671,400 and would provide for 19 posts (5 P-5, 9 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2 and 2 General Service (Other level)), as well non-post resources, for the provision of legal support and assistance to peacekeeping operations. The projected increase of $85,500 compared with the 2016-2017 estimate of $7,585,900 reflects the need to ensure sufficient resources to cover temporary sick and maternity leave.

8.14 The Office receives both cash and in-kind contributions, which complement regular budget resources and continue to be vital for the delivery of its mandates.

8.15 The projected level of cash contributions would amount to $11,030,000, representing 15.8 per cent of overall programme resource requirements, and would complement various activities related to, inter alia, the provision of legal support to extrabudgetary structures of the United Nations system; support for international trade law through symposiums and technical assistance on international trade law; assistance in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law; and fellowship programmes in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea. The resources would also be utilized to assist members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from developing States in participating in meetings, assist developing States in preparing submissions to the Commission and conducting seminars on international trade law, and assist States in the settlement of disputes through the International Court of Justice. Through its extrabudgetary resources, the Office would be supported by 14 posts (2 D-1, 1 P-5, 4 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2 and 5 General Service (Other level)). It is anticipated that the level of extrabudgetary resources would increase by $398,700 compared with the 2016-2017 estimate of $10,631,300, based on the level of contributions anticipated for the biennium 2018-2019.

8.16 Anticipated in-kind contributions for the biennium 2018-2019 would provide for technical assistance and expert services, and rent-free premises with an estimated value of $602,800.

8.17 The continued availability of other assessed and extrabudgetary resources will have a large impact on the Office's ability to provide the expected level of legal advisory services to peacekeeping operations and extrabudgetary structures of the United Nations system and to continue carrying out technical cooperation activities in the areas of international law, the law of the sea and international trade law.

Other information

8.18 The Office continues to promote accountability by increasing awareness of personal accountability among all staff. In order to increase such awareness, the Office has put in place monitoring mechanisms to ensure that all staff participate in mandatory training programmes in the areas of ethics and integrity. Further training opportunities have been made available to staff to enhance

their professional development in the field of international law and related areas, such as conflict mediation and preventive diplomacy. Additionally, the Office has subscribed to professional legal training institutions where staff can frequently engage in practical courses on various legal subjects related to ongoing issues in the course of their functions. With respect to performance development, the Office closely monitors the timely completion of the performance appraisal system and has achieved full compliance in that regard. In order to ensure progress on accountability, the Office has sought to address performance reporting, self-evaluation and the range of goals and objectives contained in the Under-Secretary-General's annual compact with the Secretary-General. A concerted effort has been made to include the work of the entire Office in the objectives set out in the compact. Additionally, the Office has employed a centralized and coordinated approach so that, in the area of the compact addressing the responsible stewardship of resources, the performance measures which have been set are rigorously pursued. In that respect, the Office has been successful in meeting or exceeding many of the targets set for it. In the area of the timely issuance of official documentation to intergovernmental bodies and General Assembly committees, the Office constantly monitors its adherence to expected standards and consistently exceeds targets. he Office also, as a matter of course, meets its obligations under the financial disclosure programme. Additionally, the Office has invested in creating templates for legal instruments, such as contracts, memorandums of understanding and other legal agreements, which are shared as standard model documents to be used in business negotiations and transactions. The standard instruments are not intended to substitute for specific or more detailed legal advice for more complex scenarios.

8.19 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for monitoring and evaluation would amount to $935,700, which represents 56.7 work-months of staff in the Professional category and 16.1 work-months of staff in the General Service category. Of those resources, $802,400 will be funded from the regular budget, $116,500 will be funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations and $16,800 will be funded from extrabudgetary resources.

8.20 Monitoring and internal evaluation activities will continue to be regularly carried out throughout the biennium at the subprogramme level in order to continuously assess the programme of work against: (a) the satisfaction of the recipients of legal advisory and liaison services; (b) the effective reduction of the legal liabilities of the Organization; (c) the adequacy of resources to address emerging mandated tasks as well as priorities; (d) the effectiveness of coordination achieved within the United Nations system in the area of international trade law and the impact of legal standards developed by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL); and (e) the efficiency of internal processes aimed at providing qualitative and timely legal advice to the Organization. Self-evaluation activities enable the Office to monitor ongoing levels and types of legal claims and liabilities faced by the United Nations and to take steps in defending the Organization's legal interests to better advise offices, funds and programmes on how to minimize such liabilities. Self-evaluation also enables the Office to carry out central legal liaison functions, such as disseminating legal lessons learned from current cases, developing or enhancing legal instruments and refining best practices to better protect the legal interests of the Organization. The recording and monitoring of outputs envisaged in the biennial programme of work are also continuously reflected in the Integrated Monitoring and Documentation Information System (IMDIS). It is periodically updated with information gathered for performance measures and statistics related to outputs. Various data collection methods will continue to be used for mandatory self-assessment and will be carried out generally on a regular basis.

8.21 The Legal Counsel was designated by the General Assembly as the focal point for UN-Oceans, the inter-agency coordination mechanism on ocean issues, in 2013. Notably, the Office is facilitating the implementation of the mandate given to UN-Oceans by the Assembly, including the identification of possible areas for collaboration and synergies, in particular on the basis of an inventory of the activities and mandates of member organizations. Furthermore, to ensure that the legal framework contained in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements is uniformly implemented, and to avoid duplication of efforts and

overlaps, the Office cooperates at the subregional, regional and global levels with competent United Nations agencies, international intergovernmental organizations and entities, in particular the International Maritime Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and regional fisheries bodies. An important example of such cooperation can be seen in the preparation of the first global marine integrated assessment under the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects. The Office has also continued to improve coordination and communication among legal advisers and legal liaison officers of the United Nations system to promote system-wide legal coherence, including by achieving more concerted provision of legal advice within the system. To that end, the Office organized six meetings of the legal advisers of the specialized agencies, funds and programmes and the field legal officers of the peacekeeping operations and the special political missions.

8.22 It is anticipated that, following a review of the publications pertaining to each subprogramme, recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as summarized in table 8.6 and as distributed in the output information for each subprogramme.

Table 8.6 **Summary of publications**

	2014-2015 actual			*2016-2017 estimate*			*2018-2019 estimate*		
	Print	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*	*Print*	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*	*Print*	*Electronic*	*Print and electronic*
Recurrent	–	29	109	14	31	133	–	31	138
Non-recurrent	–	–	2	5	5	9	–	–	24
Total	**–**	**29**	**111**	**19**	**36**	**142**	**–**	**31**	**162**

A. Policymaking organs

Table 8.7 **Resource requirements: policymaking organs**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
International Law Commission	2 874.4	2 874.4	–	–
United Nations Commission on International Trade Law	327.0	327.0	–	–
Total	**3 201.4**	**3 201.4**	**–**	**–**

1. International Law Commission

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,874,400

8.23 Pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations, the General Assembly, by its resolution 174 (II), established the International Law Commission and approved its statute. The Commission has as its objective the promotion of the progressive development of international law and its codification. It consists of 34 members who are persons of recognized competence in international law. The statute of the Commission does not specify the duration of its sessions. The Commission holds an annual session in Geneva of 10 to 12 weeks' duration and reports to the Assembly, which provides guidance to the Commission on its programme of work through annual resolutions on the reports of the Commission. Since 2000, as mandated by the

Assembly, the Commission has held split annual sessions up to the total of 12 weeks. The length of a given session is recommended by the Commission at its previous session and approved by the Assembly. The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs provides the substantive servicing of the Commission.

8.24 The distribution of resources for the International Law Commission is reflected in table 8.8.

Table 8.8 **Resource requirements: International Law Commission**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Non-post	2 874.4	2 874.4	–	–
Total	**2 874.4**	**2 874.4**	**–**	**–**

8.25 The amount of $2,874,400 would provide for: (a) attendance by the Chair and 33 members at the annual session in Geneva and the first part of the seventieth session (in 2018) of the Commission in New York; (b) attendance by the Chair at the regular sessions of the General Assembly during the consideration of the reports of the Commission; (c) the travel of staff to service the sessions of the Commission; and (d) non-staff compensation, payable at the rate set by the Assembly in its resolution 56/272. The amount would not cover the cost of attendance by the Chair or another representative of the Commission at the sessions of the four regional legal intergovernmental bodies (two weeks each) with which the Commission, pursuant to its statute, has established links of cooperation. It is expected that the Commission may hold a split session in excess of 10 weeks' duration in 2018, because the session will include additional seventieth-anniversary commemorative meetings in New York and Geneva. It is also expected that the Commission will hold a 10-week split session in 2019. The resource estimate would cover split sessions of the Commission for 21 weeks during the biennium 2018-2019, including the first part of the 2018 session in New York, taking into account past actual expenditure patterns.

2. United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Resource requirements (before recosting): $327,000

8.26 UNCITRAL, comprising 60 Member States, is charged, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2205 (XXI), with the improvement and harmonization of international trade law, which corresponds to subprogramme 5. The Commission carries out its tasks, with the assistance of the International Trade Law Division as its secretariat, at one annual meeting of up to four weeks' duration and six working group meetings on specialized topics of up to 12 weeks' duration per year.

8.27 The distribution of resources for UNCITRAL is reflected in table 8.9.

Table 8.9 **Resource requirements: United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Non-post	327.0	327.0	–	–
Total	**327.0**	**327.0**	**–**	**–**

8.28 The amount of $327,000 would provide for the travel of representatives, the travel of staff and contractual services.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $2,098,100

8.29 The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, the Legal Counsel, is responsible for the overall policy direction, supervision, administration and management of the Office of Legal Affairs. He represents the Secretary-General at meetings and conferences of a legal nature and in judicial and arbitral proceedings, certifies legal instruments issued on behalf of the United Nations, convenes meetings of the legal advisers of the United Nations system and represents the Organization at such meetings. In the exercise of his responsibilities, the Legal Counsel is assisted by the Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, who serves as his deputy and who, under the direction of the Legal Counsel, assists with the implementation of the programmes of work of all other units in the Office.

8.30 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs supports the Legal Counsel in the timely discharge of his responsibilities and in the management of the Office of Legal Affairs, which includes monitoring its resources to address changing organizational priorities and increased workload, and improving its management systems. The Office of the Under-Secretary-General supports the Legal Counsel in formulating recommendations to the Secretary-General in interdepartmental and inter-agency bodies, in the coordination of the United Nations Legal Advisers Network and in the provision of legal advice to high-level inter-agency bodies. It monitors the implementation of the programme of work and acts as the focal point for information on all aspects of the work of the Office of Legal Affairs. It also coordinates interdepartmental activities and consults and negotiates with other departments, offices, subsidiary bodies and related agencies of the United Nations system on matters of mutual concern.

Table 8.10 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*			
			2018-2019	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Timely submission of documentation needed for meetings of relevant intergovernmental bodies	Percentage of timely submission of documentation [percentage]	Target	100			
		Estimate				
		Actual				
(b) Enhanced coordination in the work of legal advisers and legal liaison officers of the United Nations system	Number of major meetings carried out in collaboration with other legal advisers [number of major meetings]	Target	6	6	6	6
		Estimate		6	6	6
		Actual			6	6
(c) Efficiencies achieved in travel costs for the organization	Increased percentage of air tickets purchased at least two weeks before the commencement of travel [percentage]	Target	100			
		Estimate				
		Actual				

External factors

8.31 The Office of Legal Affairs is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments in the area of executive direction and management on the assumption that the recruitment and placement of staff are carried out in a timely manner.

Outputs

8.32 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered.

Table 8.11 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Administrative support services (regular budget)	
Overall management	
1. Representation of the Secretary-General in legal conferences and legal proceedings, as required	19
2. Interdepartmental coordination for optimal legal advice from the Legal Counsel	1
3. Annual meetings with three United Nations legal networks	6
4. Coordination of advisory services through regular monitoring meetings with the unit's directors	5

8.33 The distribution of resources for executive direction and management is reflected in table 8.12.

Table 8.12 **Resource requirements: executive direction and management**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
	2016-2017	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	2 002.5	2 002.5	7	7
Non-post	90.6	95.6	–	–
Subtotal	**2 093.1**	**2 098.1**	**7**	**7**
Total	**2 093.1**	**2 098.1**	**7**	**7**

8.34 The amount of $2,098,100, reflecting an increase of $5,000, would provide for the continuation of seven posts (1 Under-Secretary-General, 1 P-5, 1 P-3, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 3 General Service (Other level)) and for non-post requirements related to the travel of staff, contractual services, hospitality and furniture and equipment necessary for the operation of the Office. The increase of $5,000 reflects the adjustments necessary for meeting the need for contractual services to provide centralized information technology support.

C. Programme of work

8.35 The distribution of resources by subprogramme is reflected in table 8.13.

Table 8.13 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

Subprogramme	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2016-2017	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2018-2019 (before recosting)	Posts 2016-2017	Posts 2018-2019
Regular budget				
1. Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole	3 742.6	3 593.0	12	11
2. General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes	7 167.6	6 992.4	23	22
3. Progressive development and codification of international law	8 518.0	8 478.6	21	23
4. Law of the sea and ocean affairs	10 642.8	11 766.1	34	34
5. Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade	5 754.6	5 694.5	20	19
6. Custody, registration and publication of treaties	6 238.3	6 250.9	25	25
Subtotal	**42 063.9**	**42 775.5**	**135**	**134**
Other assessed	7 585.9	7 671.4	19	19
Extrabudgetary	10 423.3	10 821.8	13	13
Total	**60 073.1**	**61 268.7**	**167**	**166**

Subprogramme 1
Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,593,000

8.36 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 1 is vested in the Office of the Legal Counsel. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 1 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.14 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To enhance respect for the rule of law and to support the development of international justice by the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	Performance measures	2018-2019	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
Effective functioning of the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations in accordance with international law, including the United Nations legal regime, and supporting international justice mechanisms, as mandated	(i) Maintenance of a high percentage of legal instruments finalized in respect of the activities of the United Nations [percentage]	Target	100	98	98	100
		Estimate		98	98	98
		Actual			99	98
	(ii) Number of pieces of advice on questions relating to the interpretation and application of the Charter of the United Nations, legal agreements, United Nations resolutions and general questions of public international law to ensure uniform and consistent practice of the law [number of pieces of advice]	Target	3 154			
		Estimate				
		Actual				

External factors

8.37 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that Member States will be supportive of the Organization and recognize its status and its privileges and immunities through their legal systems, and that United Nations departments and offices will seek legal advice in a timely manner, provide sufficient information for legal analysis and be guided by the advice provided.

Outputs

8.38 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered.

Table 8.15 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, and reports thereto (regular budget)	
General Assembly	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
1. Meetings of the General Assembly, its Main Committees, the Credentials Committee and its other subsidiary organs	100
Security Council	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
2. Meetings of the Security Council and its subsidiary organs	25
Economic and Social Council	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
3. Meetings of the Economic and Social Council, including functional and regional commissions	30
United Nations conferences and conferences of parties to multilateral treaties	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
4. Meetings of United Nations conferences and conferences of parties to multilateral treaties	10
Committee on Relations with the Host Country	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
5. Meetings of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country	5
Other substantive activities (regular budget/other assessed/extrabudgetary)	
Promotion of legal instruments	
Instances in which legal advice and support are provided:	
6. To the United Nations and United Nations-assisted criminal tribunals and their oversight bodies regarding the founding arrangements and statutes of the tribunals and the Secretary-General's functions thereunder, the rules of procedure and evidence of the tribunals, and all related legal and administrative matters concerning the functioning of the tribunals	500
7. On legal questions concerning the privileges and immunities and the status of the Organization, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), in the territories of Member States and relationships with States and intergovernmental organizations	274
8. To operationally responsible Secretariat units, offices away from Headquarters, peacekeeping and other missions and expert groups mandated to investigate matters related to international peace and security	300
9. On constitutional, institutional and procedural questions	100
10. Legal instruments prepared and advice provided on legal regimes and mandates for all peacekeeping operations and other missions, including agreements with host, third and troop-contributing States, and cooperation agreements with regional organizations	650

Outputs	*Quantity*
11. Statements of public international law and analysis of specific legal issues prepared and given in response to enquiries from intergovernmental and regional organizations, international and academic institutions, and the public	250
12. Liaison with the International Court of Justice and fulfilment of the responsibilities of the Secretary-General under the Statute of the Court, including the preparation of legal statements and the transmission of notices relating to legal proceedings	100
13. International agreements, constitutive instruments and other documents prepared or negotiated for the conduct of mandates carried out by the United Nations and its subsidiary organs, including UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNOPS, with Governments and intergovernmental organizations	600
14. Promotion of respect for Articles 104 and 105 of the Charter, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the headquarters agreements with the United States of America and other host Governments	300
15. Motions filed and written statements submitted in relation to the settlement of disputes of a public international law character involving the Organization, including representation of the Secretary-General at judicial proceedings, including those of the International Court of Justice	1
16. Briefing notes and background papers prepared for meetings with legal advisers of the United Nations system and cooperation/coordination of institutional arrangements for the specialized agencies and related organizations on matters of common concern	50
17. Representation of the Secretary-General and the Legal Counsel at meetings and conferences by the United Nations or sponsored by Governments, intergovernmental organizations and other international institutions	12
Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Advisory services	
18. Assistance to States, including through the Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice, in settling their legal disputes through the Court, including application of the Statute, and reporting to the Secretary-General and the General Assembly	30
Training, seminars and workshops	
19. Seminars and workshops on legal matters and the functions of the United Nations, sponsored by United Nations organs, Governments, professional societies or international institutions	12

8.39 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 1 is reflected in table 8.16.

Table 8.16 **Resource requirements: Provision of legal services to the United Nations system as a whole**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	3 591.3	3 428.9	12	11
Non-post	151.3	164.1	–	–
Subtotal	**3 742.6**	**3 593.0**	**12**	**11**
Other assessed	2 225.3	2 280.9	6	6
Extrabudgetary	1 831.7	1 614.8	3	3
Total	**7 799.6**	**7 488.7**	**21**	**20**

8.40 The amount of $3,593,000, reflecting a net decrease of $149,600, would provide for the continuation of 11 posts (1 Assistant Secretary-General, 1 D-1, 2 P-5, 1 P-4, 1 P-3, 1 P-2, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 3 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources for other staff costs, the travel of staff, contractual services and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme. The decrease of $149,600 is related to the abolishment of one General Service (Other level) post, reflecting the efficiencies that

the Office plans to bring about in 2018-2019, offset in part by increased contributions to support central data-processing services.

8.41 The amount of $2,280,900 from the support account for peacekeeping operations would be utilized to provide for six posts (5 in the Professional and higher categories and 1 in the General Service category). Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $1,614,800 would be utilized to complement other resources for the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. The decrease of $216,900 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

Subprogramme 2
General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,992,400

8.42 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 2 is vested within the General Legal Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 2 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.17 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To protect the legal interests of the Organization

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*			
			2018-2019	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Maximization of the protection of the legal interests of the Organization	The absence of instances in which, unless waived, the status and privileges and immunities of the Organization are not maintained	Target	–	–	–	–
		Estimate		–	–	–
		Actual			–	–
	[number of instances in which, unless waived, the status and privileges and immunities of the Organization are not maintained]					
(b) Minimization of the legal liabilities of the Organization	The total amount of the Organization's legal liability for resolved claims is minimized compared with the total amount claimed against the Organization	Target	35	35	35	35
		Estimate		35	35	35
		Actual			29	34
	[percentage of actual legal liability incurred (in dollars) versus the original amount of the resolved claim of liability against the Organization (in dollars)]					

External factors

8.43 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that Member States will be supportive of the Organization and recognize its status and its privileges and immunities through their legal systems, and that organizational units will seek legal advice in a timely manner, provide sufficient information for analysis and be guided by the advice provided.

Outputs

8.44 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered.

Table 8.18 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Administrative support services (regular budget/other assessed/extrabudgetary)	
Overall management	
Instances of the provision of legal representation, advice and assistance on:	
1. Arbitration or litigation arising out of peacekeeping and other missions, including representation of the Organization before arbitral, judicial and other quasi-judicial and administrative bodies	4
2. Arbitration or litigation unrelated to peacekeeping, including representation of the Organization before arbitral, judicial and other quasi-judicial and administrative bodies	4
3. Maintaining the privileges and immunities of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs before judicial, quasi-judicial and other administrative bodies	95
4. Administrative policies and procedures, including formation and interpretation of regulations, rules and other administrative issuances	150
5. Claims arising out of peacekeeping and other missions, including assistance in resolving contractual and real property disputes, as well as claims for property damage, personal injury and death	180
6. Commercial activities unrelated to peacekeeping, including contracts and substantial procurement of goods and services, insurance, real property arrangements, intellectual property issues, and procurement practices, policies and procedures	350
7. Commercial and other claims unrelated to peacekeeping, including assistance in resolving contractual and real property disputes, as well as claims for property damage, personal injury and death	110
8. Commercial aspects of development assistance, including goods and services, establishment of field offices and management of loans by Governments and regional, international or other financial institutions	250
9. Commercial aspects of peacekeeping and other missions, including contracts and substantial procurement for logistical support, insurance, demining and similar operations, disposition of assets, and air and sea charter arrangements	950
10. Financial questions, including formation and interpretation of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, treasury operations, banking arrangements and the operations and investments of the Joint Staff Pension Fund	120
11. Fundraising activities of separately funded subsidiary organs, including arrangements regarding administrative fees and direct or indirect contributions	95
12. Institutional and operational arrangements for peacekeeping and other missions and for development assistance, including formation and interpretation of agreements with Governments and international organizations concerning such arrangements	60
13. Internal oversight services, including assistance in prosecuting staff and others who engage in theft, corruption or other fraudulent activities, and assistance in the recovery of assets fraudulently obtained from the Organization	120
14. Legal aspects of the management of development and technical assistance, including personnel and financial arrangements and the revision and harmonization of staff and financial regulations and rules of the separately funded subsidiary organs	250
15. Personnel matters, including formation and interpretation of the Staff Regulations and Rules, issues of the rights and obligations of staff members, benefits and allowances, tax reimbursement and pension matters	275
16. Public-private partnerships, including the development of new modalities for such partnerships and the interpretation and application of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and national law requirements to such modalities	60
17. Legislative aspects of peacekeeping and other missions, such as regulations and rules and the Field Administration Handbook, governing staff serving in such missions	95
18. Legal representation in cases before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal, assistance in cases before the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, and general assistance with respect to the system for the internal administration of justice in the United Nations	375

8.45 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 2 is reflected in table 8.19.

Table 8.19 **Resource requirements: General legal services provided to United Nations organs and programmes**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	6 913.2	6 750.8	23	22
Non-post	254.4	241.6	–	–
Subtotal	**7 167.6**	**6 992.4**	**23**	**22**
Other assessed	5 360.6	5 390.5	13	13
Extrabudgetary	3 667.8	3 684.0	10	10
Total	**16 196.0**	**16 066.9**	**46**	**45**

8.46 Resource requirements in the amount of $6,992,400, reflecting a net decrease of $175,200, would provide for the continuation of 22 posts (1 D-2, 1 D-1 4 P-5, 5 P-4, 4 P-3, 1 P-2 and 6 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources for consultants, the travel of staff, contractual services and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme.

8.47 The net decrease of $175,200 is due to the abolishment of one General Service (Other level) post and reductions under non-post items that reflect efficiencies that the Office plans to bring about in 2018-2019.

8.48 The amount of $5,390,500 from the support account for peacekeeping operations would be utilized to provide for 13 posts, including 12 in the Professional and higher categories and 1 in the General Service category. Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $3,684,000 would be utilized to complement other resources for the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. The increase of $16,200 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

Subprogramme 3
Progressive development and codification of international law

Resource requirements (before recosting): $8,478,600

8.49 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 3 is vested within the Codification Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 3 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.20 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: Progressive development and codification of international law

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*			
			2018-2019	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Progress in the formulation of legal instruments	Percentage of legal instruments under preparation that advanced to a higher level of progress [percentage]	Target	65	50	40	
		Estimate		50	40	50
		Actual			77	67
(b) Wider appreciation and understanding of international law	(i) High level of satisfaction rating from the participants responding to the survey on international law training activities [percentage]	Target	90	90	90	90
		Estimate		90	90	90
		Actual			100	93
	(ii) Increasing number of end users of legal publications, training materials, documents and information disseminated in hard copy and online in various languages, in accordance with current practice [number of end users]	Target	600 000	500 000		
		Estimate		500 000	450 000	
		Actual				
	(iii) Improved regional balance among the regional courses in international law [percentage]	Target	100	100		
		Estimate		100	33	
		Actual			33	66
	(iv) Increased number of beneficiaries of the training and fellowship programmes [number of additional individuals]	Target	160			
		Estimate		160		
		Actual			128	
	(v) Timely issuance of legal publications, including hard copies, in accordance with current practice [percentage]	Target	50			
		Estimate				
		Actual				
	(vi) Increased number of Audiovisual Library of International Law users in developing countries [number of users]	Target	140 000			
		Estimate				
		Actual				

External factors

8.50 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) problems requiring legal regulations at the international level are universally recognized, and favourable political conditions exist for their legal solution; (b) a political environment stimulating the participation of States in international legal instruments promoted under the subprogramme continues to exist; (c) leading scholars and experts for seminars and courses planned under the subprogramme are available; (d) Governments will show readiness to host/sponsor regional seminars; (e) extrabudgetary funding and/or gratis assistance is available for the publication of the Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs; and (f) reliable high-speed Internet is available in developing countries.

Outputs

8.51 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered.

Table 8.21 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies: (regular budget)	
General Assembly	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
1. Meetings of the Sixth Committee	80
Parliamentary documentation	
2. Report of the Sixth Committee to the General Assembly	36
3. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	2
4. Report of the International Law Commission	2
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	2
Reports on:	
6. Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions	1
7. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives	1
8. Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission	6
9. Diplomatic protection	1
10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism	2
11. Prevention of transboundary harm from hazardous activities and allocation of loss in case of such harm	2
12. Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts	3
13. The Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council	2
14. Implementation of the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	2
15. Scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction	2
16. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts	1
17. Effects of armed conflicts on treaties	1
18. Responsibility of international organizations	2
Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
19. Meetings of the Special Committee	16
Parliamentary documentation	
20. Provisional agenda of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization	2
21. In-session documents	26
Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, and Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
22. Meetings of the Advisory Committee	4
Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
23. Meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee	2

Outputs	*Quantity*
Parliamentary documentation	
24. Pre-session documents	2
25. In-session documents	2
International Law Commission	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
26. Meetings of the Commission	182
Parliamentary documentation	
27. Topical summary of the debate in the Sixth Committee on the report of the International Law Commission	2
28. Survey of international law, prepared by the Secretariat	1
29. Memorandum by the Secretariat on ways and means for making the evidence of customary international law more readily available	1
30. In-session documents (including the draft report of the Commission)	26
Report of the Special Rapporteur on:	
31. Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction	2
32. Provisional application of treaties	2
33. Identification of customary international law	1
34. Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties	1
35. Crimes against humanity	1
36. *Jus cogens*	2
37. Protection of the atmosphere	2
38. Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict	2
Comments and observations of:	
39. Governments on draft conclusions on the identification of customary international law	1
40. Governments on subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties	1
41. Governments on the draft articles on crimes against humanity	1
Other services	
Assistance to Special Rapporteurs on:	
42. Crimes against humanity	2
43. *Jus cogens*	2
44. Subsequent agreements and subsequent practice in relation to the interpretation of treaties	1
45. Immunities of State officials from foreign jurisdiction	2
46. Identification of customary international law	1
47. Protection of the atmosphere	2
48. Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict	2
49. Provisional application of treaties	2
Other substantive activities (regular budget)	
Recurrent publications	
50. *United Nations Juridical Yearbook* (2015, 2016 and 2017)	3
51. *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, Supplement No. 10, vol. IV	1
52. *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*, Supplement Nos. 7-10, vol. III	1
53. United Nations Legislative Series, vol. 27	1
54. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2012 (vols. I and II)	2

Outputs	*Quantity*
55. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2013 (vols. I and II)	2
56. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2014 (vols. I and II)	2
57. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2015 (vols. I and II)	2
58. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2016 (vols. I and II)	2
59. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2017 (vols. I and II)	2
60. *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*, 2018 (vols. I and II)	2
61. *Reports of International Arbitral Awards*, vol. XXXII	1
62. *Reports of International Arbitral Awards*, vol. XXXIII	1
Non-recurrent publications	
63. Judgments, Advisory Opinions and orders of the International Court of Justice (2013-2017)	1
64. Judgments, Advisory Opinions and orders of the International Court of Justice (2018-2022)	1
65. *The Work of the International Law Commission* (10th edition) (vols. I and II)	2
66. *United Nations Juridical Yearbook*: special edition	1
67. Commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the International Law Commission: special edition	1
68. *International Instruments related to the Prevention and Suppression of International Terrorism* (4th edition)	1
Technical materials	
Updating and maintenance of the website on:	
69. Official records of diplomatic conferences	1
70. *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*	1
71. United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law	1
72. Yearbooks of the International Law Commission	1
73. Codification and progressive development of international law	1
74. International Law Commission	1
75. Sixth Committee	1
76. Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law	1
Seminars	
77. Lectures/briefings on subjects of international public law for outside users	2
Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Advisory services	
78. Technical assistance, upon request, to regional bodies to support the progressive development of international law and its codification	2
Training, seminars, workshops	
Under the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law:	
79. International law fellowship programme	2
80. Regional courses in international law	6

8.52 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 3 is reflected in table 8.22.

Table 8.22 **Resource requirements: Progressive development and codification of international law**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2016-2017	Resources (thousands of United States dollars) 2018-2019 (before recosting)	Posts 2016-2017	Posts 2018-2019
Regular budget				
Post	6 146.5	6 542.7	21	23
Non-post	2 371.5	1 935.9	–	–
Subtotal	**8 518.0**	**8 478.6**	**21**	**23**
Extrabudgetary	199.6	108.0	–	–
Total	**8 717.6**	**8 586.6**	**21**	**23**

8.53 The amount of $8,478,600, reflecting a net decrease of $39,400, would provide for 23 posts (1 D-2, 2 D-1, 2 P-5, 3 P-4, 4 P-3, 3 P-2, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 7 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post requirements for other staff costs, consultants, the travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, furniture and equipment, and grants and contributions to support the implementation of mandates under the programme. The net decrease of $39,400 reflects the net effect of the proposed reclassification of one post of Legal Officer (P-4) as a P-3 post and the proposed conversion of two positions funded from general temporary assistance (1 Legal Officer (P-3)) and 1 Video Producer (General Service (Other level)) to posts.

8.54 Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $108,000 would be utilized to complement other resources for the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. The decrease of $91,600 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

Subprogramme 4
Law of the sea and ocean affairs

Resource requirements (before recosting): $11,766,100

8.55 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 4 is vested within the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 4 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.23 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: To promote and strengthen the law of the sea for the peaceful use of the oceans and sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*			
			2018-2019	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Increased participation of States in, and effective implementation and application of, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the related implementing agreements	(i) Increased number of States parties to the Convention and its implementing agreements [number of States parties]	Target	398	396	388	380
		Estimate		396	394	382
		Actual			396	392
	(ii) Increased number of deposits of charts and lists of coordinates under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [number of deposits]	Target	130	125	93	82
		Estimate		125	112	86
		Actual			120	99
	(iii) Increased number of submissions actively considered by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf [number of submissions]	Target	39	37	20	11
		Estimate		37	31	17
		Actual			31	27
(b) Enhanced cooperation and coordination among stakeholders in relation to ocean and coastal issues	(i) Increased number of joint activities carried out by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea with United Nations system organizations and other bodies, including through UN-Oceans [number of joint activities]	Target	25	23		
		Estimate		23	21	
		Actual			21	19
	(ii) Increased number of cooperative activities, supported by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, between and among States and other stakeholders, including those aimed at contributing to the sustainable development of the oceans and seas, such as the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources and marine biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction [number of international activities]	Target	30			
		Estimate		27		
		Actual				
(c) Enhanced understanding of, and/or familiarity with, the law of the sea and related legislative and policy frameworks	Increased percentage of feedback from States and other entities indicating satisfaction with technical assistance and capacity-building activities [percentage]	Target	72	71		
		Estimate		71	70	
		Actual				

External factors

8.56 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Member States accord due priority in their policies, plans, programmes and projects to ocean affairs and the law of the sea and the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its implementing agreements; (b) national authorities have the capacity to implement legal instruments in the field of ocean affairs and the law of the sea; (c) the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf progresses in its consideration of submissions at a pace commensurate with existing working arrangements, working conditions and the responsiveness of the submitting States in their interactions with the subcommissions; (d) intergovernmental organizations and programmes have adequate resources to carry out the required cooperation and coordination and joint activities; and (e) Governments and other donors show readiness to host and/or sponsor training courses at the subregional/regional level.

Outputs

8.57 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered:

Table 8.24 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, and reports thereto: (regular budget)	
General Assembly	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
1. Process established by the General Assembly to address the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects (Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole, bureau of the Working Group; Group of Experts)	80
2. Process established by the General Assembly to address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction	80
3. Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	20
4. Informal consultations on the draft resolutions concerning sustainable fisheries under the agenda item "Oceans and the law of the sea"	24
5. Informal consultations on the draft resolutions under the agenda item "Oceans and the law of the sea"	40
Parliamentary documentation	
6. Reports of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea	4
7. Reports related to sustainable fisheries	2
8. Report on the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	2
9. Report on the work of the process established by the General Assembly to address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction	2
10. Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea	2
11. Resolution on oceans and the law of the sea	2
12. Resolution on sustainable fisheries	2
Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
13. Plenary meetings of States parties to the Convention	20
Parliamentary documentation	
14. Reports of the Meetings of States Parties to the Convention	2

Outputs	Quantities
Meeting of States Parties to the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
15. Informal consultations of States parties to the Agreement	8
Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
16. Plenary meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and subcommission meetings	400
Parliamentary documentation	
17. Statement by the Chair on the progress of work in the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf	6
Other services	
Ad hoc expert groups	
18. Plenary meetings of the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts Advisory Board	1
19. Meetings of the Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection	1
Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)	
Recurrent publications	
20. *Bibliography of the Law of the Sea*	2
21. *Law of the Sea Bulletin*	6
Press releases, press conferences	
22. Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, meetings of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, the General Assembly process to address the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and the General Assembly process to address the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	1
Technical material	
Updating and maintenance of:	
23. Regular Process web portal and databases	1
24. Website on the law of the sea and ocean affairs	1
25. Facilities for the deposit by States of charts and geographical coordinates concerning baselines and limits of national maritime zones, including further development thereof, and of the system for their recording	1
26. "Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts" database	1
Promotion of legal instruments	
27. Provision of information and advice on the law of the sea and ocean affairs	1
28. Special studies/reviews, in cooperation with competent international organizations as required, on selected emerging or current issues related to the law of the sea and ocean affairs	1
29. Promotion of the universal acceptance of the Convention and its implementing agreements, their uniform and consistent application and their effective implementation	1
30. Awareness-raising and capacity-building activities relating to the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects	1
31. Provision of support in the preparation of the second world ocean assessment	1
32. Functions of focal point for UN-Oceans in accordance with the terms of reference approved by the General Assembly	1
33. Provision of support for Member States in the implementation of the relevant parts of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	1

Outputs	Quantity
34. Monitoring, review and analysis of emerging and foreseeable issues relating to oceans and law of the sea	1
35. Preparation of papers and technical materials for intergovernmental meetings and other events upon request/invitation	1
36. Advice and assistance to agencies, organizations and institutions, including the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea	1
Special events	
37. Events in commemoration of World Oceans Day on 8 June on behalf of the Secretary-General	2
Technical cooperation (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Training, seminars and workshops	
38. Alumni meetings for the United Nations/Nippon Foundation Fellowship Programme	2
39. Preparation for and implementation of capacity-building activities	2
40. Regular Process regional workshops	5
Fellowships and grants	
41. Annual award of the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship and supervision of fellowship recipient through the operation of the fellowship programme	2
42. Annual award of the United Nations/Nippon Foundation fellowships and supervision of the fellowship recipients	22
Conference services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Library services	
43. Maintenance and development of the specialized reference collection and bibliographic database on the law of the sea and ocean affairs	1
Administrative support services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)	
Overall management	
44. Administrative activities related to oceans and law of the sea, including management of trust funds	1

8.58 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 4 is reflected in table 8.25.

Table 8.25 **Resource requirements: Law of the sea and ocean affairs**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	9 354.2	9 970.0	34	34
Non-post	1 288.6	1 796.1	–	–
Subtotal	**10 642.8**	**11 766.1**	**34**	**34**
Extrabudgetary	3 623.3	4 099.2	–	–
Total	**14 266.1**	**15 865.3**	**34**	**34**

8.59 The amount of $11,766,100, reflecting a net increase of $1,123,300, would provide for the continuation of 34 posts (1 D-2, 2 D-1, 5 P-5, 5 P-4, 8 P-3, 3 P-2, 1 General Service (Principal level) and 9 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources for other staff costs, consultants, experts, the travel of representatives, the travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme, including additional mandates from General Assembly resolution 71/257 to provide support for the second cycle of the Regular Process for

Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects, covering the period up to 2020.

8.60 The net increase of $615,800 in post resources reflects the delayed impact of new posts established during the biennium 2016-2017. The net increase of $507,500 in non-post requirements would provide support for the implementation of the new mandate pertaining to the second cycle of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects.

8.61 Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $4,099,200 would be utilized to complement other resources for the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. The increase of $475,900 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

Subprogramme 5
Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,694,500

8.62 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 5 is vested within the International Trade Law Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 5 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.26 Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures

Objective of the Organization: Progressive improvement, harmonization, understanding, knowledge, interpretation and application of international trade law and coordination of the work of international organizations active in that field

			Performance measures			
Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*2018-2019*	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Effective progress towards the modernization of trade law and practices and reduction of legal uncertainties and obstacles posed by inadequate and disparate laws or conflicting interpretation and application of laws	(i) Increased number of legislative decisions (ratifications and national enactments) based on texts of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) [number of legislative decisions]	Target	65	65	35	40
		Estimate		65	61	40
		Actual			85	63
	(ii) Increased number of judicial and arbitral decisions based on UNCITRAL texts [additional judicial and arbitral decisions]	Target	200	200	180	95
		Estimate		200	195	180
		Actual			208	193
(b) Increased awareness and understanding of international trade law issues and reliance on UNCITRAL standards	(i) Increased number of publications or databases referring to the work and mentioning texts of UNCITRAL [number of additional publications]	Target	1 100	1 150	900	500
		Estimate		1 150	1 100	1 000
		Actual			1 022	1 066
	(ii) Increased number of visits to the UNCITRAL website [number of visits to the website per day]	Target	3 250	2 450	2 500	2 500
		Estimate		2 450	2 400	2 00
		Actual			3 043	2 399

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement		Performance measures 2018-2019	2016-2017	2014-2015	2012-2013
(c) Improved coordination and cooperation among international organizations active in the field of international trade law	Increased number of joint activities that incorporate reference to UNCITRAL trade law standards [number of joint activities]	Target	77	75	70	70
		Estimate		75	70	70
		Actual			82	71
(d) Improved functioning of UNCITRAL	Increased responsiveness of Member States and other bodies to the survey or other indication of their satisfaction with the services provided [percentage]	Target	11	10	8	
		Estimate		10	9	6
		Actual			9	8

External factors

8.63 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) Member States will commit to adhere to Conventions and enact model laws and to report on such legislative actions; (b) national correspondents will report on court and arbitral tribunal activities at the national level; (c) international organizations will cooperate in the coordination process and organization of joint activities; and (d) representatives of Member States and other bodies will comment on their level of satisfaction with the work of the secretariat.

Outputs

8.64 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered:

Table 8.27 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	Quantity
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget)	
UNCITRAL	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
1. Plenary	60
Parliamentary documentation	
2. Report of the Commission to the General Assembly	2
Report of the working groups to the Commission	
3. Working group I (micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises)	4
4. Working group II (dispute settlement)	4
5. Working group III	4
6. Working group IV (electronic commerce)	4
7. Working group V (insolvency law)	4
8. Working group VI (security interests)	4
9. Substantive reports requested by the Commission	30
10. Report on technical cooperation and assistance	2
11. Report on the promotion of ways and means of ensuring the uniform interpretation and application of UNCITRAL legal texts	2
12. Reports on bibliography of recent writings related to the work of UNCITRAL	2
13. Reports on coordination activities	2
14. Reports on the status of conventions and model laws	2

Outputs	*Quantity*
15. Reports on UNCITRAL regional presence	2
16. Reports on the maintenance of the Transparency Registry	2
17. Conference room papers	30
Working groups of UNCITRAL	
Substantive servicing of meetings	
18. Plenary and other meetings of the working groups of the Commission	240
Parliamentary documentation: working papers prepared in response to the request of:	
19. Working group I (micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises)	20
20. Working group II (dispute settlement)	20
21. Working group III	20
22. Working group IV (electronic commerce)	20
23. Working group V (insolvency law)	20
24. Working group VI (security interests)	20
25. Conference room papers	96
Ad hoc expert groups: expert group meetings on the work of:	
26. Working group I (micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises)	4
27. Working group II (dispute settlement)	4
28. Working group III	4
29. Working group IV (electronic commerce)	4
30. Working group V (insolvency law)	4
31. Working group VI (security interests)	4
Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary)	
Recurrent publications	
32. *UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods* (Vienna, 1980)	1
33. *UNCITRAL Digest of Case Law on the Model Law of International Commercial Arbitration*	1
34. *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*, vol. XLVII: 2016	1
35. *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*, vol. XLVIII: 2017	1
36. *Yearbook of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law*, vol. XLIX: 2018	1
37. Commentaries on UNCITRAL texts	1
38. UNCITRAL collected texts	1
Non-recurrent publications	
International conventions	
39. Instrument on enforceability of international commercial settlement agreements resulting from conciliation	1
Model laws	
40. UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Conciliation (enforcement of settlement agreements)	1
41. UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Transferable Records and explanatory note	1
42. UNCITRAL Model Law on the Recognition and Enforcement of Insolvency-related Judgments, with Guide to Enactment	1
43. UNCITRAL Model Law on the Cross-Border Insolvency of Enterprise Groups	1
44. Guide to enactment of the Model Law on Secured Transactions	1
Legislative guides and legal guides	
45. Micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises: legislative guide on a simplified business entity	1

Outputs	Quantity
46. Micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises: legislative guide on best practices for business registration	1
47. UNCITRAL legal guide on cloud computing	1
48. UNCITRAL legislative text on identity management and explanatory note	1
49. UNCITRAL legislative guide on insolvency law: treatment of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises in insolvency	1
50. UNCITRAL legislative guide on insolvency law: obligations of directors of enterprise groups	1
Educational materials, tools for the interpretation of international trade law standards and other texts	
51. Index to the legislative history of the Rotterdam Rules, with introductory note	1
52. International Conference for a Euro-Mediterranean Community of International Arbitration:– conference proceedings	2
53. "Modernizing international trade law to support innovation and sustainable development": proceedings of the Congress hosted by UNCITRAL to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, Vienna, 4-6 July 2017	1
Exhibits, guided tours, lectures	
54. Lectures to groups of practitioners, academics and law students in Vienna and elsewhere as part of programmes organized by other professional, academic, non-governmental or intergovernmental organizations	15
Special events	
55. Co-organizers and moderators in the annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna	2
Technical materials:	
Updating and maintenance of:	
56. A searchable online database of court and arbitral decisions on Commission texts collected through the CLOUT (Case Law on UNCITRAL Texts) mechanism	1
57. Website of UNCITRAL	1
58. Transparency Registry (a repository for the publication of information and documents in treaty-based investor-State arbitration)	1
Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary)	
Advisory services	
59. Technical assistance, at the request of Governments and regional organizations, in the form of briefing missions, seminars, law reform assessments, assistance in the drafting of national legislation based on UNCITRAL texts and advice on the use of non-legislative Commission texts	30
Training seminars and workshops	
Training for the enhancement of international trade and development at the country and regional levels	
Events in:	
60. Asia and the Pacific	20
61. Africa	20
62. The Middle East	20
63. China	20
Conference services (regular budget)	
Library services	
64. Acquisition for and servicing of the UNCITRAL Law Library	1

8.65 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 5 is reflected in table 8.28.

Table 8.28 **Resource requirements: Progressive harmonization, modernization and unification of the law of international trade**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	5 278.2	5 106.1	20	19
Non-post	476.4	588.4	–	–
Subtotal	**5 754.6**	**5 694.5**	**20**	**19**
Extrabudgetary	1 100.9	1 315.8	–	–
Total	**6 855.5**	**7 010.3**	**20**	**19**

8.66 Resource requirements in the amount of $5,694,500, reflecting a net decrease of $60,100, would provide for the continuation of 19 posts (1 D-2, 1 D-1, 3 P-5, 5 P-4, 3 P-3, 1 P-2 and 5 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources for other staff costs, consultants, experts, the travel of staff, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme. The net decrease of $60,100 relates to the abolishment of one General Service (Other level) post and adjustments under non-post items. The abolishment is related to benefits derived from efficiencies that the office plans to bring about in 2018-2019 to enable the UNCITRAL working groups to be supported through a reduction in the number of established posts, offset in part by an increase in the number of temporary positions during periods of peak workload.

8.67 Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $1,315,800 would be utilized to complement other resources for the implementation of various activities under the subprogramme. The increase of $214,900 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

Subprogramme 6
Custody, registration and publication of treaties

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,250,900

8.68 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 6 is vested within the General Legal Division. The subprogramme will be implemented in accordance with the strategy set out under subprogramme 6 of programme 6 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2018-2019.

Table 8.29 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: Wider awareness of and participation in treaties concluded under the auspices of the United Nations and deposited with the Secretary-General, as well as registration and publication of treaties under Article 102 of the Charter, and actions relating to those treaties

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	*Indicators of achievement*		*Performance measures*			
			2018-2019	*2016-2017*	*2014-2015*	*2012-2013*
(a) Improved access to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and related treaty actions, including information on their status, and to treaties and related treaty actions submitted for registration and publication with the Secretariat	(i) Actions relating to treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General are processed and made available online in a timely manner [number of days]	Target	1.5	1.5	1.5	2
		Estimate		1.5	1.5	2
		Actual			1.5	2
	(ii) Treaties and actions are registered and related information made available online in a timely manner [number of days]	Target	1	1	1	
		Estimate		1	1	1
		Actual			1	1
	(iii) Increased number of page views on the Treaty Section website [average number of page views]	Target	350 000	350 000	324 000	350 000
		Estimate		350 000	324 000	350 000
		Actual			281 781	391 300
(b) Ongoing State participation in the international treaty framework	Continuous receipt of treaties and actions for deposit with the Secretary-General and for registration [number of treaties and treaty actions]	Target	5 360	5 360	5 360	3 400
		Estimate		5 360	5 360	5 330
		Actual			5 282	4 766
(c) Enhanced familiarity with and understanding by Member States of the technical and legal aspects of participating in the multilateral treaty framework and registering treaties	(i) Continuous requests for depositary and registration-related information and advice from States, United Nations offices, specialized agencies and treaty bodies [number of requests]	Target	1 675	1 675	1 650	1 600
		Estimate		1 675	1 650	1 600
		Actual			1 675	1 600
	(ii) Increased percentage of participants who indicate their satisfaction with the training on treaty law and practice [percentage]	Target	85	72	71	
		Estimate		72	71	70
		Actual			89	70

External factors

8.69 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that:

(a) Member States will request legal and technical assistance before concluding multilateral treaties to be deposited with the Secretary-General, in particular final clauses of treaties, which would avoid complex and legal issues of interpretation and application, and will submit treaty actions in proper form guided by the provisions of the treaty in question and the legal advice provided;

(b) Member States will provide complete materials in proper form to facilitate registration and publication, and will provide courtesy translations into English or French of treaties submitted in languages other than the official languages of the United Nations (courtesy translations into either English or French help the registration process but not the publication process, as such translations are subject to further review and necessary translation);

(c) Governments will show readiness to host and/or sponsor treaty law seminars; relevant and competent individuals are chosen by Governments to undertake the training; and appropriate experts from substantive offices of the United Nations or from other international organizations or academia are available to provide training in the implementation of specific treaties and can fund their own participation;

(d) Various risks normally associated with information technology vendors will unfold within expected parameters. Expected risks associated with a highly complex, custom-designed information system would be maintained at acceptable levels.

8.70 During the biennium 2018-2019, the following outputs will be delivered:

Table 8.30 **Categories of outputs and final outputs**

Outputs	*Quantity*
Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies, including reports thereto (regular budget)	
Depositary services with respect to multilateral treaties	
1. Examination and processing of corrections to the original texts of treaties	15
2. Examination and processing of instruments of full powers, acceptance, approval, ratification or accession or reservations or declarations to treaties	1 300
3. Preparation, publication and circulation of original texts and certified true copies of new multilateral treaties	2
4. Preparation, publication and circulation of depositary notifications of treaty actions (signatures, ratifications, acceptances, approvals, accessions and successions, declarations, reservations, etc.) and other treaty-related formalities	3 000
5. Receipt of signatures to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, and receipt and custody of related instruments	100
6. Processing of amendments to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General (including preparation, publication and circulation of related depositary notifications)	150
Other substantive activities (regular budget)	
Recurrent publications	
7. Statement of treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat	24
8. Treaty event booklets (2018 and 2019)	2
9. United Nations *Treaty Series*	124
Non-recurrent publications	
10. Summary of Practice of the Secretary-General as Depositary of Multilateral Treaties	
Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits	
11. Capacity-building and informational materials for training seminars and other events	5
Special events	
12. Special treaty events dedicated to a particular treaty deposited with the Secretary-General	2
13. Annual treaty event during the opening of the session of the General Assembly	2
Technical material:	
14. Updating and maintenance of the United Nations Treaty Collection on the Treaty Section website	1
Promotion of legal instruments	
15. Registration of treaties registered under Article 102 of the Charter	2 400
16. Registration, filing and recording of subsequent treaty actions	2 400
17. Filing and recording of treaties	8
18. Information and legal advice concerning treaty law, depositary practice and the registration of treaties to States, intergovernmental organizations, United Nations offices and other treaty bodies	650

Outputs	*Quantity*
Technical cooperation (regular budget)	
Advisory services	
19. Review and comment to States, international organizations, United Nations offices and other treaty bodies on legal questions concerning final clauses of draft treaties intended to be deposited with the Secretary-General	4
Training, seminars and workshops	
20. Training seminars at Headquarters on various aspects of treaty law, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties organized for government officials, representatives of permanent missions and international organizations	4
21. Training seminars at the regional level on various aspects of treaty law, the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties organized for government officials and representatives of international organizations	1

8.71 The distribution of resources for subprogramme 6 is reflected in table 8.31.

Table 8.31 **Resource requirements: Custody, registration and publication of treaties**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	5 866.7	5 915.6	25	25
Non-post	371.6	335.3	–	–
Total	**6 238.3**	**6 250.9**	**25**	**25**

8.72 The amount of $6,250,900, reflecting a net increase of $12,600, would provide for the continuation of 25 posts (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 5 P-3, 4 P-2, 7 General Service (Principal level) and 6 General Service (Other level)), as well as non-post resources for contractual services, general operating expenses and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme. The overall increase of $12,600 reflects the net effect of the proposed reclassification of a post of Editor (P-2) as aP-3 post and reductions under non-post items reflecting the efficiencies that the Office plans to bring about in 2018-2019. The reclassification of the post reflects the levels of complexity and responsibility of the post.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,706,800

8.73 The Executive Office provides services to the Office of Legal Affairs in connection with personnel, budgetary and financial administration, resource planning and the use of common services, together with administrative support for policymaking organs and other international meetings, as required.

8.74 The distribution of resources for programme support is reflected in table 8.32.

Table 8.32 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Post	1 249.1	1 249.1	5	5
Non-post	560.9	547.7	–	–
Subtotal	**1 810.0**	**1 706.8**	**5**	**5**
Extrabudgetary	208.0	208.2	1	1
Total	**2 018.0**	**1 915.0**	**6**	**6**

8.75 The amount of $1,706,800, reflecting a net decrease of $103,200, would provide for the continuation of five posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 3 General Service (Other level)), as well as various non-post items, such as other staff costs, contractual services, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, and furniture and equipment to support the implementation of mandates under the programme. The decrease reflects the efficiencies that the Office plans to bring about in 2018-2019 and relates to: (a) reductions in contributions to support central data processing services due to a reduction in server storage space; (b) reductions in communications, mobile office accounts and supplies; and (c) a reduction in general operating expenses and supplies related to the abolishment of posts.

8.76 Extrabudgetary resources estimated at $208,200 would be utilized to complement other resources for the provision of programme support. The increase of $200 in extrabudgetary resources reflects the projected contributions necessary to finance the ongoing extrabudgetary activities.

E. Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone

Resource requirements (before recosting): $0

8.77 The distribution of resources for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone is reflected in table 8.33.

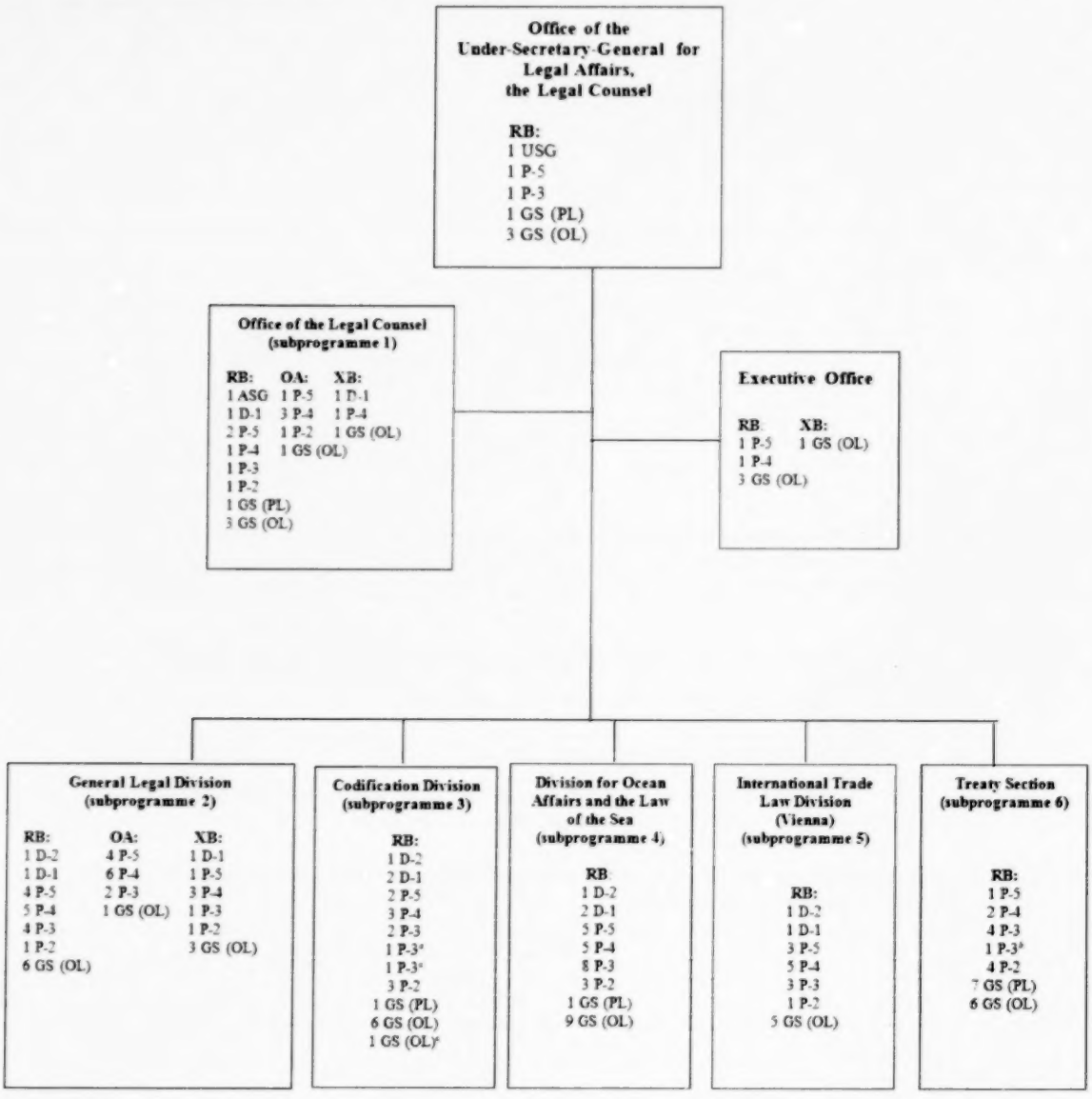
Table 8.33 **Resource requirements: Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
	2016-2017	*2018-2019 (before recosting)*	*2016-2017*	*2018-2019*
Regular budget				
Non-post	12 371.2	–	–	–
Subtotal	**12 371.2**	**–**	**–**	**–**
Total	**12 371.2**	**–**	**–**	**–**

8.78 No resources are proposed for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone. The decrease of $12,371,200 relates to a technical adjustment with respect to non-recurrent requirements that were appropriated for the two Courts.

Annex I

Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2018-2019



[a] Reclassification of one P-4 post as a P-3 post under subprogramme 3.

[b] Reclassification of one P-2 post as a P-3 post under subprogramme 6.

[c] Conversion of one P-3 general temporary assistance position and one General Service (Other level) general temporary assistance position to posts under subprogramme 3.

Annex II

Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	
A/70/7	
The Advisory Committee trusts that the Secretary-General will ensure that adequate resources are provided to support the full duration of the meetings of the International Law Commission up to a total of 12 weeks as mandated by the General Assembly, within the overall proposed allocation for section 8 (para. III.29).	Resources set out in the proposed budget for the biennium 2018-2019 would cover split sessions of the International Law Commission for 21 weeks during the biennium, including the first part of the 2018 session in New York, taking into account past actual expenditure patterns.
The Advisory Committee notes that these in-kind contributions are not reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium. The Committee is of the view that in-kind contributions should be included in the proposed programme budget in order to present a full picture of the resources in each section and therefore encourages the Secretary-General to ensure that future proposed programme budgets include such information (para. III.31).	Information relating to in-kind contributions to the Office of Legal Affairs has been included in the present fascicle (see para. 8.16).
The Advisory Committee is of the view that, in addition to English and French, efforts should be made so that the courses could also be conducted in the other official languages of the United Nations, where relevant to the region (para. III.32).	The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs organizes three United Nations Regional Courses in International Law, for Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean. The language in which each course is conducted depends on the linguistic specificities of each region. The 2017 Regional Course in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean, which will be held in Santiago, will be conducted in English and Spanish. While lectures on general topics will be delivered in English, the lectures on the law and institutions of the region will be delivered in Spanish. The Regional Course in International Law for Africa is conducted alternately in English and French to facilitate the participation of lawyers from both English-speaking and French-speaking African countries. The 2017 Regional Course was conducted in English, and the 2018 Regional Course will be conducted in French. The Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific is conducted in English in order to allow for the participation of candidates from throughout the region, in view of its important linguistic diversity.
The Committee stresses that the programme narratives in the proposed programme budget fascicles should be identical to the biennial programme plan, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 58/269 (para. III.35).	The proposed frameworks for the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019 are in accordance with A/71/16.

Annex III

Outputs included in the biennium 2016-2017 not to be delivered in 2018-2019

A/70/6 (Sect. 8) and Corr.1, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Subprogramme 3: progressive development and codification of international law			
8.59 (a) (v) (b)	Report of the Special Rapporteur on the protection of persons in the event of disasters	1	Completed
8.59 (a) (v) (c)	Assistance to the Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission on the protection of persons in the event of disasters	1	Completed
8.59 (b) (i)	*United Nations Juridical Yearbook 2014*	1	Completed
8.59 (b) (i)	*Reports of International Arbitral Awards*, vol. XXXI	1	Completed
8.59 (b) (ii)	*The Work of the International Law Commission* (9th edition), vols. I and II	2	Completed
	Subtotal	**6**	
	Total	**7**	